

### **REMARKS**

In an Office Action dated March 12, 2007, the Examiner rejected claims 3, 5-7, 9, 11-14, 17, 19-21, 23, and 25-28 under 35 U.S.C. §102(c) as being anticipated by Salomaha (U.S. patent no. 6,982,959). The Examiner allowed claims 4, 10, 18, 24, 29, and 30. The rejections and objections are traversed and reconsideration is hereby respectfully requested.

The applicants thank the Examiner for the allowance of claims 4, 10, 18, 24, 29, and 30.

In order to put the application in condition for allowance, the applicants have canceled rejected claims 3, 5-7, 9, 11-14, 17, 19-21, 23, and 25-28. As the remaining claims 4, 10, 18, 24, 29, and 30 have been allowed by the Examiner, the applicants respectfully request that the application may now be passed to allowance.

As the applicants have overcome all substantive rejections and objections given by the Examiner and have complied with all requests properly presented by the Examiner, the applicants contend that this Amendment, with the above discussion, overcomes the Examiner's objections to and rejections of the pending claims. Therefore, the applicants respectfully solicit allowance of the application. If the Examiner is of the opinion that any issues regarding the status of the claims remain after this response, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned representative to expedite resolution of the matter. Furthermore, please charge any additional fees (including extension of time fees), if any are due, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2117.

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